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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 347

TO: The Secretary of State

The Secretary of Defense

The Attorney General

The Secretary of Commerce

The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare

The Director of Central Intelligence

The Director of Office of Emergency Planning

The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

The Director, United States Information Agency

The Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space

Administration

The Director of the Office of Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Release of Public Information Concerning Soviet, French and Communist Chinese Nuclear Tests

The President has directed that all recipients of classified intelligence information regarding Soviet, French and Communist Chinese nuclear tests take all feasible steps to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the information. Such action is essential to safeguard intelligence sources and methods used in obtaining this information and to minimize speculation concerning the significance of data obtained from such tests.

No public release of information relating to the occurrence of foreign nuclear weapons tests will be made except as specifically authorized by the President. Public announcement authorized by the President will be made by the Atomic Energy Commission, unless otherwise directed by the President.

W. W. Rostow

Note: NSAM No. 176 of August 1, 1962 has been incorporated

into this NSAM.

By the National Security Council

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